(b) the target of import fixed in respect for the year 1993-94; and

(c) in view of the increasing demand of petroleum in country what steps Government propose to explore new oil fields in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The expenditure on the import of crude oil and petroleum products during the last three years was as under:—

| *Year* | *Value (Rs./Crores)* |
|---|---|
| 1990-91 | 10779 |
| 1991-92* | 13038 |
| 1992-93* | 17045 |

*Provisional

(b) Approximatley 30.60 MMT of crude and 12.89 MMT of petroleum products is proposed to be imported during the year 1993-94.

(c) Government has worked out an attractive package of terms and conditions for encouraging risk capital investment in exploration and subsequent production. Discovered oil and gas fields have also been offered for development by private companies under joint venture arrangements for medium sized fields and under production sharing contracts for small sized fields.

**Visit by Iranian Delegation**

2907. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level delegation form Iran led by its Petroleum Minister visited India during November, 1993; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the subjects discussed and the broad decision arrived at the meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The subjects discussed include the supply of natural gas from Iran to India, supply of crude oil, import of LPG from Iran to India and technical co-operation in the hydrocarbon sector.

**Allocation of Gas for Power Projects in Gujarat**

2908. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat have requested to allocate natural gas for the power projects in Gujarat;

(b) if so, indicate the decision taken thereon and the quantum of natural gas available from the offshore gas fields; and

(c) what is the quantity of gas allocated to Gujarat for power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) A total of 7.55 MMSCMD of gas has been allocated to the power projects in the State of Gujarat of which 2.25 MMSCMD is to be supplied from the Western Offshore fields.

**Consumption of LPG and Kerosene**

2909. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of Kerosene and LP Gas supplied/distributed for domestic consumption per month;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Kerosene and LPG for Domestic Consumption are likely to be available in open market rate without subsidy; and

(c) whether the Committee appointed for rational policy on Public Distribution System has been advised to take this commodity also into consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH